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TAGS: OVIP, TD (MRS. CARTER)

SUBJECT:PLANNING FOR MRS. CARTER'S VISIT

REFS: A) CARACAS 4133 B) STATE 104923

1. FOR ALL POSTS ON THE TRIP: YOUR QUICK RESPONSE AND
HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS AS PLANNING FOR MRS. CARTER'S VISIT
GETS UNDERWAY HAVE BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. AN ADVANCE TEAM OF SIX PEOPLE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE
AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON EARLY
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. DETAILS ON TRAVEL PLANS FOLLOW
SOONEST.

3. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
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ASPECTS OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT, IN ADDITION TO THOSE
OUTLINED IN REFTEL IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONSULTATIONS
ON ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE TEAM.

4. MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF: YOU SHOULD CONSIDER
THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND CONVENIENT WAY OF PROVIDING
MRS. CARTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS

ASSEMBLED LOCAL AND AMERICAN STAFF.

5. MEETING WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:
SHOULD POSTS DEEM IT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE A
MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESIDENT AMERICAN
COMMUNITY, PLEASE SELECT SUCH A GROUPING TO BE AS
BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE AS POSSIBLE.

6. RECIPROCAL SOCIAL EVENTS: SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES
MAY PRECLUDE RECIPROCAL SOCIAL EVENTS DURING SOME
SEGMENTS OF MRS. CARTER'S TRIP. SMALL WORKING
LUNCHEONS MAY BE POSSIBLE. IN OTHER CASES LARGE
MORNING COFFEES OR AFTERNOON TEAS MAY SERVE AS
RECIPROCAL EVENTS.

7. FOR CARACAS: LATEST SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS FROM
MRS. CARTER'S STAFF, AS OF MAY 9, ARE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

MID-AFTERNOON--ARRIVE CARACAS FROM BOGOTA

EVENTS: AIRPORT GREETING; BRIEF REMARKS; PRESS
BILATERAL TALKS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ
PRESS
DINNER BY PRESIDENT PEREZ

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1977

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EVENTS: MEETING WITH RUTH DE LERNER, DIRECTOR, VENEZUELA
FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ISSUE EVENT WITH MRS. PEREZ

ISSUE EVENT--AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF, AMERICAN
COMMUNITY, VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS, ET. AL.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1977

EVENTS: LAY WREATH ON TOMB OF SIMON BOLIVAR
(ON WAY TO AIRPORT)

DEPART CARACAS FOR WASHINGTON

8. NOTE: USE OF THE TERM "PRESS" DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN PRESS CONFERENCE; IT MAY ONLY MEAN PRESS OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR PHOTOS OR PERHAPS BRIEF COMMENTS. THE SPECIFIC
NATURE OF EACH PRESS EVENT CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH THE

ADVANCE TEAM. THE TEAM LOOKS TO POSTS FOR SUGGESTIONS
OF COURSE.

9. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS SCHEDULE
IS PURELY ILLUSTRATIVE, AND THE ADVANCE TEAM WILL BE
LOOKING FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE EMBASSIES ON WAYS TO INCREASE
THE INFORMAL, SUBSTANTIVE, AND POPULAR IMPACT OF MRS.
CARTER'S TRIP. CHRISTOPHER

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